



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5340***

LCO No. 1447

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS )

***AN ACT CONCERNING PRIZES FOR TEACUP RAFFLES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 7-185a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2010*):

4 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186,  
5 inclusive, as amended by this act, and the regulations adopted  
6 [thereunder] pursuant to said sections, any organization conducting a  
7 bazaar may operate a "teacup raffle" and may, through the sale of  
8 chances, award prizes consisting of cash prizes not exceeding one  
9 hundred dollars each or merchandise. [each not exceeding one  
10 hundred dollars in value through the sale of chances.] No such  
11 organization may conduct more than one scheduled "teacup raffle"  
12 drawing for all prizes offered on any day on which a bazaar is  
13 permitted. A "teacup raffle" shall be operated from an authorized  
14 bazaar booth, and shall be subject to regulation by the executive  
15 director of the Division of Special Revenue. Each "teacup raffle" ticket  
16 shall (1) be consecutively numbered and have a correspondingly

17 numbered stub that shall include the name, address and telephone  
18 number of the purchaser, or (2) be a sheet containing up to twenty-five  
19 coupons, each bearing the same number, and including a "hold" stub  
20 for the purchaser and a correspondingly numbered stub including the  
21 name, address and telephone number of the purchaser. The Division of  
22 Special Revenue shall be the sole issuer of sheet tickets which shall be  
23 made available for purchase by permittees as fund raising items at a  
24 price not to exceed ten per cent above the state purchase price. Each  
25 sponsoring organization conducting such raffle shall conspicuously  
26 post, at each bazaar booth at which such raffle is conducted, a notice or  
27 notices that include the date and time of any "teacup raffle" drawing.  
28 The sponsoring organization shall preserve all sold and unsold tickets  
29 or stubs for a period of at least one year from the date of the verified  
30 statement required pursuant to section 7-182.

31 Sec. 2. Section 7-177 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is  
32 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
33 *October 1, 2010*):

34 (a) All prizes given at any bazaar or raffle shall be merchandise,  
35 tangible personal property or a ticket, coupon or gift certificate,  
36 entitling the winner to merchandise, tangible personal property,  
37 services, transportation on a common carrier by land, water or air and  
38 to any tour facilities provided in connection therewith, or to  
39 participation in a lottery conducted under chapter 226. Such ticket,  
40 coupon or gift certificate shall not be refundable or transferable. No  
41 cash prizes or prizes consisting of alcoholic liquor shall be given,  
42 except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, [and] section 7-  
43 177a, and subsection (e) of section 7-185a, as amended by this act, and  
44 no prize shall be redeemed or redeemable for cash, except tickets for a  
45 lottery conducted under chapter 226. For the purposes of this section,  
46 coins whose trading value exceeds their face value and coins not  
47 commonly in circulation shall not be deemed a cash prize.

48 (b) Any sponsoring organization authorized to conduct a bazaar

49 pursuant to section 7-172 may award cash prizes not to exceed fifty  
50 dollars each in connection with the playing of a blower ball game. For  
51 purposes of this subsection "blower ball game" means a game of  
52 chance where the players wager on a color or number and the winner  
53 is determined by the drawing of a colored or numbered ball from a  
54 mechanical ball blower that mixes ping pong balls with blown air.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2010	7-185a(e)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2010	7-177

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***Statement of Purpose:***

To remove the prohibitions against merchandise prizes worth more than a hundred dollars or cash prizes for teacup raffles.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*